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Sl. No.	State	Remarks
12.	Uttar Pradesh	Declining trends observed in 50 isolated pockets of Blocks
13.	Uttaranchal	Declining trends observed in 2 isolated pockets of Blocks
14.	West Bengal	Declining trends observed in 1 isolated pockets of Blocks

Scarcity of ground water

†1460. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has made a request to evolve a nationwide consensus regarding imposition of cess to meet the scarcity of ground water availability;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by Government on the suggestion of the Planning Commission so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As per the information received from the Planning Commission, they have not made any such request to the State Government or the Central Government/ Agencies.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Water agreement between China and Bangladesh

†1461. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that China has recently entered into an agreement with Bangladesh for collection of information about Brahmaputra and to obtain hydrological data;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that China is trying to divert the water of Brahmaputra as a result of the said agreement; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) There is no such information about any agreement between China and Bangladesh on Brahmaputra River.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Per capita availability of water

†1462. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that per capita availability of water is 140 litre per day in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the availability of water in most parts of the country has declined due to huge difference in the availability of water; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The average annual water availability in the country is assessed as 1869 billion cubic metre (BCM). Based on the population of 1027 million as per the 2001 census, the per capita availability works out to be 1820 cubic metre per year. The per capita water availability of the country is declining year

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